

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P O Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginsa 22313-1450 www.spile.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/872,353	06/01/2001	Brian R. McCarthy	A019-P08127US	3630
33356 7590 10/14/2008 SoCAL IP LAW GROUP LLP			EXAMINER	
310 N. WESTI	AKE BLVD. STE 120		CHEVALIER, ALICIA ANN	
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			1794	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			10/14/2008	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Application/Control Number: 09/872,353 Page 2

Art Unit: 1794

Continuation Sheet

Continuation of 5: Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejections/objections:

1. The objection to the specification, made of record in the office action mailed May 28.

2008, page 2 paragraph #9 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's amendment in the after final

response, cancelling the new matter in the specification.

2. The 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections of claims 331, 355, 378, 401 and 431, made of record in

the office action mailed November 1, 2007, page 3, paragraph #5 have been withdrawn due to

Applicant's amendment in the after final response filed September 15, 2008, cancelling claims

331, 355, 378, 401 and 431.

10. The 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of claims 331, 355, 378, 401 and 431 only as over Mckillip

(US Patent No. 5,462,488), made of record in the office action mailed November 1, 2007, pages

3-5, paragraph #6 has been withdrawn due to Applicant's amendment in the after final response

filed September 15, 2008, cancelling claims 331, 355, 378, 401 and 431.

Claims rejected: 314-318, 320-328, 330, 333-342, 344-352, 354, 356-366, 368-374, 376, 377,

379-389, 391-398, 400, 402-420, 422-430 and 432-437.

Continuation of 11. because: It remains the Examiner's position that the claims are unpatentable

for reasons previously of record in the final office action.

Art Unit: 1794

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/Alicia Chevalier/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794 10/14/2008